

anniversary of Father Joe Orlandi's ordination into the priesthood.

Joe Orlandi was born in Subiaco, Italy on December 8, 1947, the child of Augusto and Teresa Orlandi. He studied at the Pontificio Collegio Leoniano in Rome. On July 25, 1970 at the invitation of the diocese of Paterson, Joe continued his theological studies at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, New Jersey. In 1971 while still completing his studies, Joe was assigned to our Lady of Pompeii Church in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey. All who met him there found him to be a caring friend and a trusted spiritual advisor.

In 1973, following the completion of his theological studies, Joe was ordained a priest in Paterson by Bishop Lawrence B. Casey. His first assignment was Mt. Carmel Parish in Boonton. It wasn't too long before his parishioners at Mt. Carmel grew to know and love Father Joe, and many families invited him into their homes for traditional Italian meals and warm conversation. Father Joe was the determining factor in several parishioners tour to Rome in 1975.

That same year, Father Joe was appointed associate pastor of St. Brendan Church in Clifton. His extraordinary leadership qualities were soon recognized and in 1978 he was appointed co-pastor of St. Brendan. As moderator of the Youth Group, Father Joe had a positive impact upon many young people whose successful adult lives today reflect his advice and guidance. Father Joe gives selflessly of his time and energy. He is a Boy Scout Moderator, Teacher of Religious Education in St. Brendan School, bingo chairman, as well as director of the Diocese of Paterson Engagement Encounter weekends.

Deeply grateful to his adopted country, Father Joe joined the United States Army Reserve as a Chaplain in 1980, counseling countless soldiers and their families, during times of peace and times of heightened tensions. Father Joe continues to minister to the spiritual needs of the men and women who serve in our nation's Army Reserve.

On June 15, 1990, our dynamic Priest brought a new spirit to the nationally recognized historic parish of St. Michael, Paterson. Father Joe has been an ever-watchful guardian of the public good, never failing to speak out in the interests of the larger community he serves. Many a newcomer to our shores and many a senior citizen can also thank Father Joe for freely sharing with them his extensive knowledge and expertise in immigration and social security matters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, his parishioners, and the State of New Jersey in recognizing Father Joe Orlandi's exceptional contributions to our society on this 25th anniversary of his ordination.

#### A TRIBUTE TO SUSAN WESTERBERG PRAGER, DEAN OF THE UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 22, 1998*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Susan Westerberg Prager, who is stepping down after 16 years as Dean of

the UCLA School of Law. Dean Prager has compiled an extraordinary record. Under her leadership, the UCLA School of Law enhanced its reputation for excellence in scholarship, achieved diversity among the student body and added exceptional faculty members.

By any measure UCLA is now among the elite law schools in the United States. As an alumnus of the UCLA School of Law, I take great pride in Dean Prager's many noteworthy accomplishments.

Dean Prager started her career in politics and then made the transition to law. Her political work included stints with Sen. Thomas Kuchel and Rep. Paul McCloskey. Her distinguished academic life includes both a B.A. and M.A. in history from Stanford University and, in 1971, a law degree from UCLA. Two years later she joined the faculty at the UCLA School of Law.

Dean Prager's areas of expertise include family law, real property, community property and historic preservation law. The last is especially appropriate as she is the co-owner of two Los Angeles Cultural-Historic Monuments. She has also lectured and written extensively on such subjects as women's rights, legal education, marital property law and affirmative action. Her frequent public appearances in Southern California have helped boost the profile of the law school.

Dean Prager has an impressive resume of honors, awards and commendations. To name but a few: she received the Legal Services Award from the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund; was presented the BayKeeper Circle Award by the Santa Monica BayKeeper and was given a "Women of Action" Award by the Israel Cancer Research Fund. This year the UCLA Law Alumni Association is presenting Susan with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Susan Westerberg Prager, who leaves behind an unparalleled record of achievement as Dean of the UCLA School of Law. Her contributions to the field of law and legal education will never be forgotten.

#### TRIBUTE TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS

**HON. STEVE R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 22, 1998*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Korean War veterans of New Jersey, who gathered on May 31, 1998, to designate Kinderkamack Road as the "Korean War Veterans Roadway." This wonderful dedication ceremony was organized at the suggestion of Mr. Richard T. Bozzone, Commander of the Chorwon Chapter of the American Korean War Veterans of New Jersey.

On June 25, 1950, North Korean forces invaded South Korea, setting the stage for the men and women of America's armed forces to engage in a crucial battle against communist expansionism. Battle by battle, skirmish by skirmish, America's fighting forces heroically pushed back the North Korean aggressors.

The sacrifice and valor displayed by America's Korean War veterans should never be forgotten. And for this reason the designation of the "Korean War Veterans Roadway" will

serve as a daily reminder to the residents of northern New Jersey of the American soldiers who served, and those who died, in defense of liberty on the Korean peninsula.

I want to thank Commander Bozzone and all the members of the Chorwon Chapter of the American Korean War Veterans for initiating this project. Their successful effort to name a major roadway, which runs through nine Bergen County towns, in honor of America's Korean War veterans, is a tribute that will long endure.

#### FORMER ACLU LEADERS ARE WRONG

**HON. TOM DeLAY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 22, 1998*

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, when it comes to the issue of freedom of speech and campaign reform, the New York Times and so-called "reformers" take a curious position. They ignore the warnings of the ACLU and argue the Shays/Meehan bill is constitutional because former leaders of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) have changed their position and now support overturning the Buckley decision.

The attached statement by the current ACLU leadership sets the record straight. On the issue of campaign reform and freedom of speech the current board of the ACLU is absolutely correct—overturning Buckley is a threat to the First Amendment of the Constitution. These former ACLU leaders are pushing proposals that run counter to our first freedom—freedom of speech. These former leaders do not have the support of the ACLU's national board and do not represent the over 250,000 members of the ACLU. These former leaders are wrong.

#### ACLU CAMPAIGN FINANCE POSITION PROTECTS FREE SPEECH

(Statement of Nadine Strossen, President; Ira Glasser, Executive Director; and Laura W. Murphy, Legislative Director)

WASHINGTON.—Nine former leaders of the American Civil Liberties Union today released a statement saying that they have changed their positions on campaign finance and now disagree with legal scholars, Supreme Court Justices and the ACLU's longstanding policy to seek the highest constitutional protection for political speech.

In their statement, these leaders argue that the Supreme Court misread the First Amendment in 1976 when it issued its ruling in *Buckley v. Valeo*, which struck down legislative limits on campaign expenditures in a holding that reflected many legal precedents and has been repeatedly reaffirmed. Our former ACLU colleagues say that our opposition to current legislation allows members of Congress to hide behind an unjustified constitutional smokescreen.

We are untroubled by the questions they raise and believe that it is they who allow members of Congress and President Clinton to hide behind so-called reforms that are both unconstitutional and ineffective. As long as measures like McCain-Feingold or Shays-Meehan are allowed to masquerade as reform, neither Congress nor President Clinton will get serious about adopting true reform, which we believe lies in the direction of fair and adequate public financing.

Just last year, we offered Burt Neuborne, a former ACLU Legal Director and one of the

principal opponents of our campaign finance policies, the opportunity to argue his position before the ACLU's 83-member National Board. After hours of debate and discussion, Neuborne completely failed to shift the ACLU Board to his view. Many Board members in fact argued that Neuborne's position was in direct conflict with the First Amendment rights that form the foundation of our democracy. Ultimately, the one Board member who had offered a motion to radically alter our long-standing policy withdrew it rather than allowing it to come to a vote.

Yet our former ACLU colleagues persist, offering sweeping proposals that would constitute a wholesale breach of First Amendment rights and that ignore the real-world impact of limits on speech. They speak approvingly of efforts to impose "reasonable limits on campaign spending" without saying specifically what such regulations would do. But when we look at those consequences it becomes clear that current campaign finance measures would do immeasurable damage to political speech. The devil as the cliché goes, is in the details.

A key provision of both McCain-Feingold and Shays-Meehan would, for example, establish limits that effectively bar any individual or organization from explicitly criticizing a public official—perhaps the single most important type of free speech in our democracy—when the official is up for re-election within 60 days. If that kind of law had governed the recent New York City mayoral election, it would have effectively barred the ACLU (and other non-partisan groups) from criticizing incumbent Mayor Giuliani by name on the subject of police brutality in the wake of the horrific Abner Louima incident precisely during the pre-election period when such criticism is most audible. That prohibition would have gagged us even though the ACLU has never endorsed or opposed any candidate for elective office and is barred by our non-partisan structure from doing so. Similarly, anti-choice groups like the National Right to Life Committee would be effectively barred from criticizing candidates who support reproductive freedom. Yet such criticism of public officials is exactly what the First Amendment was intended to protect.

In contrast, there are many reform measures the ACLU supports that would protect and increase political speech. These include instituting public financing, improving certain disclosure requirements, establishing vouchers for discount broadcast and print electoral ads, reinstating a tax credit for political contributions, extending the franking privilege to qualified candidates and requiring accountability of and providing resources to the Federal Elections Commission. None of those proposed reforms would run afoul of the First Amendment.

Still, our former ACLU colleagues press proposals that would inevitably limit political speech. We continue to shake our heads, wondering how such measures can be regarded as "reforms" by anyone who is genuinely committed to the First Amendment.

REP. BELFANTI RECOGNIZED

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 22, 1998*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my colleague and close friend, State Representative Robert E. Belfanti, Jr. Bob will be honored by the Susquehanna Valley Boy Scouts Council at the

Council's July 7 American Distinguished Citizen Dinner. I am pleased and proud to be able to participate in this prestigious event.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Belfanti represents parts of my congressional district in Northumberland County, Montour County, and Columbia County. I have been proud to work with him on numerous occasions since I was first elected in 1984. I consider him a close personal friend.

Born in 1948 to Robert and Rose Belfanti, Bob attended local schools in Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania, in what is part of the District he now represents. He was active in Scouting and became an Eagle Scout in 1961. He graduated high school in 1966 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps the following July. Bob served in Vietnam and was decorated six times. Following his tour of duty in Vietnam, Bob attended the University of North Carolina on a special Inservice Program. In 1971, Bob received an honorable discharge from the Corps but remained active in a Reserve unit for another two years.

In 1972, Bob began electrician school and graduated as a journeyman in 1975. He operated his own contracting company prior to his election to the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1980.

Active in numerous local organizations, Representative Belfanti is a member of the AmVets, N.E. Economic Development Council, Lions, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, UNICO, and various Scouting organizations. Bob was listed in Who's Who in American Politics, received the Outstanding Young Men of America Award, National Young Democrat Award, and the National Leadership Award.

Bob's legislative efforts have ranged from employment issues to the environment. He has helped his district move beyond its coal mining heritage and toward the 21st century with millions in grant money for everything from technology to sewage treatment.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Belfanti is a proven leader, an able legislator, and a concerned citizen. I am proud to join with his wife Cece, his sons, his friends, and the community in paying tribute to his outstanding career and his dedication to his community. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to bring Bob's many accomplishments to the attention of my colleagues and I wish my good friend continued success, good health, and prosperity.

HONORING NEAL BROXMEYER

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 22, 1998*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues in the House of Representatives the story of a man whose life, which ended all too soon in 1996 at age 43, was dedicated to the pursuit of truth.

Neal Howard Broxmeyer searched for truth with a great intensity. He was long immersed in spiritual work which brought tremendous peace. A beloved and respected leader of the School of Practical Philosophy, he played a major role in establishing its Abraham Lincoln School for Boys and Girls on the upper east side in Manhattan. His 9-year-old son is a student there, and is very proud of the role his Dad played. Indeed, it was one of Neal's pre-

cious dreams to see the school flourish and grow.

Neal's devotion to his family was exemplary. He naturally included within his family the many people whose lives intersected with his. In that sense, Neal's family included his associates and colleagues at Fairfield Properties, where he was a partner. His brothers have said that he was an excellent businessman, known for his honesty and his integrity. He was seen as the "heart and soul" of his business, and he was referred to as the "light of the office."

Neal Broxmeyer was a man who always looked beyond his own needs. He led his life in keeping with the maxim: Set no limits in service, and encouraged others to do the same. He was always available to others. He cherished the community in which he lived and was very happy to be part of the community association. He led the way in establishing the security patrol in the community, and always said "How could I not take it on?"

Neal was a simple man who was extraordinary. Always there, steady and balanced; never looking for faults in others, but instead finding the goodness in everyone. Everything and everyone who benefited from his attention, concern, insight, wisdom, counsel, and warmth understands that there was "absence of claim." Although not rigid, Neal was highly disciplined. His life, though very short, was filled with a quality beyond most. Nothing, it seems, was wasted.

Neal is survived by his loving family: His beloved wife Susan; their children, Dara, Jennifer, and David; by his parents, Muriel and Joseph; and by his brothers Mark and Gary.

June 23, 1998 will mark the inauguration of the Neal Broxmeyer Scholarship Fund. This fund will help to keep alive the memory and vision of this extraordinary man. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and distinct honor to bring the brief life of Neal Howard Broxmeyer to the attention of my colleagues and hope they will join me in paying tribute to an outstanding human being.

IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL  
FUNDING AND AWARENESS  
ABOUT POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 22, 1998*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation held a conference here on June 19–21. Four hundred patients, physicians, and researchers gathered to review the latest developments in research for a treatment and cure. Supporters visited members of the House and Senate to ask for a commitment to increased funding at the National Institutes of Health in research for this disease which affects 600,000 Americans. Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) is the most common life-threatening genetic disease and costs \$1.5 billion yearly in Medicare funding. Scientists are hopeful that with increased funding in research the disease can be treated or cured within the next five years.

Attached is an article which describes recent gains we've made in combatting PKD and how important continued research will be